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REMARKS

Claims 29-39 and 41-57 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 29, 41, 45-46 and 57 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims are 29, 41 and 45-46 independent.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that a personal interview was conducted between Applicant's undersigned representative, and the Examiner on Friday, September 5, 2003. Applicant notes that this Amendment includes claim amendments that were discussed by the participants during the personal interview.

Specifically, during the personal interview, the Examiner indicated that the cited references did not teach or suggest "*wherein said at least one isolation oxide comprises a first isolation oxide formed adjacent to a first end portion of said insulator layer, a second isolation oxide formed adjacent to a second end portion of said insulator layer and a third isolation oxide formed adjacent to a middle portion of said insulator layer, said first and second isolation oxides extending laterally beyond said first and second end portions, respectively*", which has been added to independent claims 29, 41 and 45-46.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 29-39 and 41-57, all of the claims presently pending in this Application, are not taught or suggested by the cited references and are in condition for immediate allowance.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 29-39 and 41-57, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Ori Nadav, Group Art Unit # 2811 at fax number 703-872-9318 this 9th day of September, 2003.



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